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1. UTILITY REQUESTS ADDRESSEES BE NOTIFIED FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A. AT CABINET MEETING 10 JANUARY 68, AFTER PRIOR COORDINATION AND AGREEMENT OF FOREIGN MINISTER BRANDT, CHANCELLOR KIESINGER ANNOUNCED FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF WESSEL TO SUCCEED UTILITY EFFECTIVE 1 MAY 68. CABINET APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. ON BASIS UTILITY REPORT TO KIESINGER THAT NOLLAU COULD NOT BE GRANTED CATUSK SECURITY CLEARANCES NECESSARY FOR APPOINTMENT AS VICE PRESIDENT, KIESINGER AGREED AND DROPPED NOLLAU'S NAME FROM CONSIDERATION. IN KEEPING WITH WESSEL'S POSITION, KNOWN TO THE CHANCELLOR, THAT VICE PRESIDENT MUST BE PERSON HAVING APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT OF CATUSK AND CONFORM TO STANDARDS ESTABLISHED FOR THIS POSITION, UTILITY IS CONFIDENT THAT ALIAS WENDT WILL BE NAMED NUMBER TWO MAN. UTILITY ADDED THERE NO OTHER QUALIFIED NAMES IN THE HOPPER OUTSIDE OF CATUSK

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FOR THIS POSITION.

C. UTILITY BELIEVES STORY MAY HIT PRESS OVER THE WEEK END. WESSEL HAS BEEN INFORMED. UTILITY HAS BEEN SO BUSY THE PAST TWO DAYS HIS OWN WIFE DOES NOT YET KNOW OF THIS CHANGE.

D. ALTHOUGH NOT YET ESTABLISHED, UTILITY WILL BE AVAILABLE AND EXPECTS TO BE DESIGNATED TO PLAY ADVISORY ROLE TO SUCCESSOR FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD.

E. APPOINTMENT MADE AT THIS TIME DUE TO KIESINGER'S FINGERSPITZENGEFUEHL THAT WEDNESDAY, 10 MARCH OFFERED AN IDEAL POLITICAL MOMENT TO RECEIVE FULL CABINET APPROVAL WHICH MIGHT NOT ARISE AGAIN FOR SOME TIME. EFFECTIVE DATE CHOSEN, AMONG OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, BECAUSE IT PROVIDES SUFFICIENT TIME TO SELECT SUCCESSOR TO WESSEL AT NATO, WHICH APPOINTMENT HAS TO BE CONCURRED IN BY VARIOUS NATO PARTNERS. UTILITY STATES THAT GENERAL FELBER THE LEADING CANDIDATE.

2. FOR HIS PART, UTILITY HAS NO INTENTION OF RETIRING ALTOGETHER FROM THE SCENE. HE HAS LAID ASIDE POSSIBLE PLANS FOR ASSUMING A POLITICAL ROLE UNDER CSU BANNER ON THE BASIS THAT CATUSK HAS ENOUGH PROBLEMS WITHOUT HIS SADDLING CATUSK WITH THOSE WHICH COULD ARISE IF HE, WHOSE NAME IS ENTERTWINED

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WITH THE HISTORY AND DESIGNATION OF CATUSK FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS, BECAME A POLITICAL FIGURE.

3. UTILITY CANNOT MAKE LONG DELAYED TRIP TO WOFIRM HEADQUARTERS UNTIL AFTER 1 MAY 68 DUE TO FLOOD OF BUSINESS WHICH WILL FOLLOW ANNOUNCEMENT. WOULD STILL LIKE TO MAKE VISIT SOME TIME IN MAY TO FORMALLY SEVER HIS OFFICIAL TIES WITH WOFIRM AND LNHARP INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY. [ ] ASSURED HIM THE WELCOME MAT WILL STILL BE OUT WHENEVER VISIT CAN BE SCHEDULED.

4. FOR FIRST TIME SINCE SUMMER 67, UTILITY DISPLAYED EMOTIONAL STRAIN AND APPEARED IN STATE OF SEMI-SHOCK IN IMPARTING THIS NEWS. HE LOOKED HAGGARD, *WORN*, ~~AND~~ AND DEPRESSED DESPITE FACT SUCCESSION TAKING SHAPE AS HE HAD HOPED IT WOULD. IT UNDERSTANDABLE THAT IMPACT OF HIS OFFICIAL SEVERANCE FROM LEADERSHIP OF CATUSK--SPANNING BOTH THE CONCEPTION AND EXECUTION WARTIME PLANS, THROUGH OCCUPATION PERIOD, AND LEGALIZATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF HIS GROUP AS OFFICIAL MHBRUSH SERVICE THESE PAST 12 YEARS--BOUND TO CAUSE SOME KIND OF SHOCK REACTION. [ ] MADE APPROPRIATE REMARKS CONCERNING MIXED EMOTIONS OF REGRET IN LOSING UTILITY AS A PARTNER AND SATISFACTION AT WESSEL'S QUALIFICATIONS AND

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WOLADY-ORIENTED ATTITUDE. UTILITY WAS GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT WOFIRM MOST DEFINITELY WANTS TO BE AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATION WITH UTILITY REGARDING HIS POST-SERVICE ACTIVITIES.

5. UTILITY REQUESTS HOLD DOWN THIS INFO UNTIL PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT.

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